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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D. 
Interim Director

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
SERVICES' USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
EXECUTE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-
PARAMEDIC SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT WITH
MEDRESPONSE, INC.**

On June 17, 2008 your Board delegated authority to the Department of Health Services (attached), to execute the subject Agreement with any future County-approved public or private paramedic services providers, at no cost to the County, upon review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office, and notice to your Board.

This Agreement with MedResponse, Inc., effective September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013, allows MedResponse, Inc. to provide emergency medical care services to the sick and injured at the scene of an emergency, during transport to a general acute care hospital, during interfacility transfer, while in the emergency department of a general acute care hospital, until patient care responsibilities are assumed by the regular staff of the hospital, and during training within the facilities of a participating general acute care hospital.

County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office have reviewed and approved the Agreement as to use and form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

JFS:rg

Attachment

c: Chief Executive Officer
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES:
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MEDICAL CONTROL AGREEMENTS AND
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-PARAMEDIC AGREEMENTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval of agreements with public and private paramedic providers for paramedic Advanced Life Support services.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Interim Director of Health Services, or his designee, to execute Medical Control Agreements, following signature by authorized representatives of County-approved public paramedic providers, for the provision of Advanced Life Support (ALS) services and use of Standing Field Treatment Protocols (SFTPs) by paramedics for certain patients, effective July 1, 2008, and continue in effect until terminated by either party, at no cost to the County.
2. Approve and instruct the Interim Director of Health Services, or his designee, to execute Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) Agreements, following signature by authorized representatives of County-approved private paramedic providers, for the provision of ALS services, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013, at no cost to the County.

3. Approve and delegate authority to the Interim Director of Health Services, or his designee, to execute form agreements with any future County-approved public or private paramedic service providers, at no cost to the County, upon review and approval by County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office, and notification to your Board.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Recommendation No. 1 will allow the Interim Director of Health Services to execute agreements, substantially similar to Exhibit I, with County-approved public paramedic provider agencies, listed on Attachment A, to continue providing ALS services and the use of SFTPs to initiate paramedic activities in lieu of making base hospital contact for certain patients, provided that alternative arrangements for compliance are in place by the paramedic provider agency.

Approval of Recommendation No. 2 will allow the Interim Director of Health Services to execute agreements, substantially similar to Exhibit II, with County-approved private paramedic provider agencies, listed on Attachment B, to continue providing ALS services.

Approval of Recommendation No. 3 will authorize the Interim Director of Health Services to execute new medical control agreements and EMT-P Agreements, substantially similar to Exhibits I and II, with any future County-approved public or private providers within the parameters set forth herein.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goal

These actions support Goal 1, Service Excellence of the County Strategic Plan by enhancing the quality and availability of prehospital care in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no net cost to the County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

For a number of years, the County has contracted with County-approved public and private paramedic service providers for the provision of paramedic ALS services.

On June 5, 2003, the Board approved the execution of EMT-P agreements with 14 public and private paramedic service providers, effective July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2008.

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency and is responsible for the development and maintenance of the EMS System, which includes the approval of paramedic providers in the County of Los Angeles.

Under provisions of Section 1797, et seq., of the California Health and Safety Code, the County maintains an ALS system under which paramedics provide ALS services.

Under the authority granted by Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 100169(d), the County EMS Agency Medical Director may approve policies and procedures and/or contracts which allow a paramedic to initiate SFTP activities, without base hospital contact for medical direction, provided that alternative arrangements for compliance are in place by the paramedic provider agency.

The California Code of Regulations, Section 100167(b)(4) requires approved paramedic provider agencies to have a written agreement with the local EMS Agency to participate in the ALS program, including the EMS Agency's quality assurance program to improve patient care, and to comply with all applicable State regulations and local policies and procedures.

The recommended Medical Control and EMT-P Agreements are part of the ongoing development and maintenance of the County's EMS system, and are successor agreements to those expiring on June 30, 2008. DHS intends to seek an agreement with any other interested public provider.

Because many of these providers are government entities, with their own independent legal and policy obligations, and because these agreements satisfy a state regulatory requirement for a contract to be in place with ALS services providers (in contrast to a contract under which the County purchases goods and services), the following provisions have been eliminated in either or both of the medical control and EMT-P agreements: Prohibition Against Discrimination, Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program, Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Contractors Charitable

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Activities Compliance, Child Support Compliance Program, Contractor's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to the Safely Surrendered Baby Law (almost all public providers are safely surrendered baby sites), Compliance with County's Jury Service Program and Consideration of Hiring GAIN/GROW Program Participants.

County Counsel has approved Exhibits I and II as to use and form.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The public and private paramedic service providers who elect to execute the attached agreements are current participants in the County's EMS System and satisfy County criteria and conditions for participation.

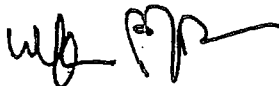
Advertising these agreements on the County's On-Line Web Site is not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these agreements will allow the County to continue to effectively maintain and monitor the County's ALS program, while allowing for the utilization of SFTP's. The utilization of SFTP's by paramedics has decreased the number of calls to base hospitals for medical treatment orders. This reduction in base hospital contacts helps further reduce the amount of time a hospital spends on the base hospital radio, away from direct patient care.

When approved, DHS requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

WTF:SRH:SAS
MLM:LT:yb

Attachments (4)

c: County Counsel
Interim Director, Department of Health Services

COUNTY-APPROVED PUBLIC PARAMEDIC SERVICE PROVIDERS

MEDICAL CONTROL AGREEMENT

AGENCY ADDRESSES AND CONTACT PERSONS

1. City of Los Angeles Fire Department (Agreement pending)
200 North Main Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Attention: Douglas L. Barry, Fire Chief
Telephone: (213) 978-3800
E-Mail: firechief@lacity.org
2. Glendale Fire Department (Agreement executed)
421 Oak Street
Glendale, CA 91204
Attention: Donald Biggs, Fire Chief
Telephone: (818) 548-4814 Fax: (818) 547-1031
E-mail: dbiggs@ci.glendale.ca.us
3. La Habra Heights Fire Department (Agreement executed)
1245 North Hacienda Boulevard
La Habra Heights, CA 90631
Attention: John J. Nielsen, Fire Chief
Telephone: (562) 694-8283 Fax: (562) 694-4410
E-mail: johnn@la-habra-heights.org
4. San Gabriel Fire Department (Agreement executed)
1303 South Del Mar Avenue
San Gabriel, CA 91776
Attention: Joseph B. Nestor, Fire Chief
Telephone: (626) 308-2880 Fax (626) 280-6474
E-mail: inestor@sqfd.org
5. Sierra Madre Fire Department (Agreement executed)
232 West Sierra Madre Boulevard
Sierra Madre, CA 91024
Attention: Roger Lowe, Fire Chief
Telephone: (626) 355-7135 Fax: (626) 355-2251
E-mail: smfdchief4@hotmail.com

COUNTY-APPROVED PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDERS
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-PARAMEDIC AGREEMENT

AGENCY ADDRESSES AND CONTACT PERSONS

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2. Scott White, General Manager
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3. Michael S. Summers, President
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4. Douglas R. Cain
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5. Daniel Graham, Exec. Gen. Mgr.
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Torrance, CA 90503
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